

This trail guide covers walking trails in Boulder Brook Reservation, Kelly Memorial Park and Rocky Ledges. Combined they provide 64 acres of open space with a wide diversity of habitat, flora and fauna, terrain and geological features.

Boulder Brook Reservation is the largest parcel and once was part of Boulder Brook Farm. Kelly Memorial Park has playing fields, tennis courts, and a sledding hill. Rocky Ledges provides a high lookout to the south, from which you can see the Wellesley College chime tower.

The trails map shows all the trails and access points from roads in the neighborhood and Weston. There is a total of 2.7 miles of woodland trails, and the main trail is the Boulder Brook Reservation Trail.

Location

Located in the northwestern part of town, these conservation lands are adjacent to Bates School. From Rt. 9 and Weston Road, follow Weston Road north toward Weston for 0.3 miles. Turn right onto Elmwood Road and follow for 0.3 miles to Kelly Memorial Park. Park in the dirt parking lot on the left side of the road.

Boulder Brook Reservation Trail

Distance: 1.7 miles, round trip
Elevation gain: 140 feet
Marking: Purple arrows
Difficulty: Moderate
Time: 1 hour

Start this trail at the Kelly Memorial Park parking lot. Follow a woods road along Boulder Brook, past a large glacial erratic named Fairy Rock that kids like to climb, to the playing fields adjacent to Bates School. The grassed slope to your right is the sledding hill. Turn left and go along the edge of the baseball field to the paved bridge crossing Boulder Brook.

Crossing the brook, you enter Boulder Brook Reservation. Look to your left to see the tennis courts off Pine Plain Road. Take the paved path to Beverly Road, turn right and enter the meadow. Follow the trail markers on posts through the

meadow. At the opposite corner of the meadow, the trail enters the woods. Along the trail is Elephant Rock, another favorite climbing rock for kids.

Shortly after crossing over a footbridge, the trail enters Rocky Ledges and splits for a loop over the ledges. Take the trail to the right, follow the markers to Yarmouth Road, and turn left on the sidewalk. Reenter the woods after passing one house. Follow the trail along the top of the ledges (Warning: be careful with children, steep drop-offs). At the rocky outlook, look for the Wellesley College chime tower. To the left of the chime tower is Snow Hill in Dover, with an active fire tower. To the right is Pegan Hill, the highest point in Natick, with Lookout Farms visible on the side of the hill. From the outlook, the trail descends steeply along the Weston town line to the bottom of the ledges. Continue along the trail to the beginning of the loop and then follow the trail back to the parking lot.

Trail Use Guidelines

- All motorized use prohibited.
- No littering or dumping.
- No fires.
- No camping.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- Do not feed, approach or touch wildlife, including waterfowl.
- Take personal protection measures to reduce your exposure to ticks and mosquito bites.
- Abide by town's restriction of no more than 2 dogs per person or 3 dogs with a permit.
- Please pick up after your dog and properly dispose of the waste. Thanks!

Contact Information

For additional information on Wellesley's trails and to report trail problems, please go to our web site, call us, send email, or visit us at the NRC office.

- Web Site: www.wellesleytrails.org
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Trail Guide & Map



Boulder Brook Reservation Kelly Memorial Park Rocky Ledges

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